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IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (CIVIL L.R/3-2)

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44 Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- (a) Plaintiffs Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
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- Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a). F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

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- V. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy elerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

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Case 3:08-cv-03556-TEH Document 1 Filed 07/24/2008 Page 3 of 11 CO JUL 24 PH 2: H 1 Ronald L. Richman, SBN 139189 Susan J. Olson, SBN 152467 Bullivant Houser Bailey PC 601 California Street, Suite 1800 3 San Francisco, California 94108 Telephone: 415.352.2700 Facsimile: 415.352.2701 E-Mail: ron.richman@bullivant.com 5 E-Mail: susan.olson@bullivant.com 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs Laborers Trust Funds 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LABORERS HEALTH AND WELFARE 11 TRUST FUND FOR NORTHERN COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR CALIFORNIA; BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF **BREACH OF COLLECTIVE** THE LABORERS VACATION-HOLIDAY BARGAINING AGREEMENT TRUST FUND FOR NORTHERN 13 CALIFORNIA; BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF [29 U.S.C. § 185(a) and 29 U.S.C. §§ 1109, THE LABORERS PENSION TRUST FUND 1132(g)(2), 1145] FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA; and BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE 15 LABORERS TRAINING AND RETRAINING TRUST FUND FOR NORTHERN 16 CALIFORNIA, 17 Plaintiffs, 18 v. 19 K. M. JACKSON ENGINEERING, INC., a California corporation and KURT THOMAS 20 McFADDEN, an individual, 21 Defendants. 22 23 Now come the Plaintiffs, hereinabove named, and for their causes of action against 24 Defendants, and each of them, allege as follows: 25 I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE 26 1. This is an action for damages for breach of the collective bargaining agreement 27 described below and for injunctive relief. This Court has jurisdiction of the action under and 28 pursuant to the provisions of 29 U.S.C. § 185 (§ 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act of

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27 28 1947, as amended) and 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132(a)(3) and 1132(e)(1) (§§ 502(a)(3) and 502(e)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended) ("ERISA"). The suit arises from the defendants' failure to permit an audit of their books and records as required by the collective bargaining agreements, by the written trust agreements and by provisions of federal law.

2. Venue of the within action is properly laid in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in that, under ERISA § 502(e)(2), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(2), contributions are made to, and benefits are paid from, a corporate co-trustee bank in the Northern District of California.

#### II. PARTIES

- 3. The Laborers Health and Welfare Trust Fund for Northern California, Laborers Vacation-Holiday Trust Fund for Northern California, Laborers Pension Trust Fund for Northern California, and Laborers Training and Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California are the Plaintiffs herein. The Laborers Health and Welfare Trust Fund for Northern California, Laborers Vacation-Holiday Trust Fund for Northern California, Laborers Pension Trust Fund for Northern California, and Laborers Training and Retraining Trust Fund for Northern California ("the Trust Funds") are trust funds organized under and pursuant to the provisions of §§ 302(c)(5) and 302(c)(6) of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §§ 186(c)(5) and 186(c)(6). The Trust Funds were established through collective bargaining agreements between the Northern California District Council of Laborers and employer associations representing construction industry employers doing business in Northern California. The Trust Funds are employee benefit plans created by written trust agreements subject to and pursuant to §§ 3(3) and 3(37) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002(3) and (37). The Boards of Trustees, as fiduciaries, are the plaintiffs, who sue on behalf of the Trust Funds.
- 4. Each of the Trust Funds is a third party beneficiary of the collective bargaining agreement described below.
- 5. At all times mentioned herein, each of the Trust Funds was an express trust created by a written trust agreement subject to and pursuant to § 302 of the Labor Management

Relations Act, 29 U.S.C.§ 186, and a multi-employer benefit plan within the meaning of sections 3 and 4 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002, 1003.

- 6. The Trust Funds provide a variety of benefits for laborers, retired laborers and other related covered employees on whose behalf contributions are made pursuant to collective bargaining agreements. The duties of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Funds include ensuring that employers who are signatories to said collective bargaining agreements comply with the terms of those agreements with respect to payments and contributions to the Trust Funds.
- 7. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and upon that ground allege, that at times material hereto, K. M. Jackson Engineering, Inc. ("KM Jackson") was a California corporation operated and controlled by Defendant Kurt Thomas McFadden ("McFadden") with its principal place of business located in Stockton, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe, and upon that ground allege, that KM Jackson and McFadden are and have been an employer within the meaning of Section 3(5) and Section 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1002(5), 1145 and an employer in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Section 301 of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. § 185.

#### III. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Breach of Collective Bargaining Agreement)

- 8. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-7 of this Complaint.
- 9. By virtue of its membership in the Engineering and Utility Contractors
  Association ("EUCA"), defendants became bound to a written collective bargaining agreement with the Northern California District Council of Laborers ("Laborers Union") entitled the Laborers' Master Agreement For Northern California ("Master Agreement"). In agreeing to be bound to the Master Agreement, defendants further agreed to be subject to and bound by all provisions and conditions of the written Trust Agreements which established the trust funds. Pursuant to the provisions of the Master Agreement, defendants agreed to be bound by all terms relating to wages, hours and conditions of employment prescribed therein with the Laborers Union.

- 10. By virtue of the Master Agreement and written trust agreements, defendants promised and agreed that: (1) they would pay employee fringe benefit contributions into each Trust Fund in regular monthly installments commencing on or before the 15th day of the month immediately succeeding the month in which the employee's work was performed; (2) that in the event that any of said monthly installments were not paid in full on or before the 25th day of the month in which such contributions became due, they would pay interest on the delinquent contribution in the amount of 1.5% per month until paid in full, and would also pay the amount of \$150.00 for each delinquent contribution as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty; and (3) that if any suit with respect to any of said contributions or payments were filed against them, defendants would pay into said Trust Funds the attorneys' fees, costs and all other expenses incurred in connection with such suit.
- 11. The Master Agreement between the Laborers Union and defendants has never been terminated.
- 12. Plaintiffs have performed all conditions, covenants and promises on their part to be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and Trust Agreements.
- 13. Within four years last past, defendants materially breached and broke the aforesaid Master Agreement and trust agreements in the following respects:
  - a. by failing to pay to report and failing to pay employee fringe benefit contributions (not reported, not paid) for the period March and June
     2004 in the principal amount of \$16,629.74;
  - b. by failing to pay interest on the unpaid and delinquent employee fringe benefit contributions (not reported, not paid), in an amount calculated to be \$12,154.11 as of May 25, 2008; and
  - c. by failing to pay liquidated damages and interest on employee fringe benefit contributions that were paid, but paid late, for the period May October 2004, February, March, May December 2005, January November 2006 in the amount of \$8,937.78 as of May 25, 2008.

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14. The aforesaid material breaches proximately caused damages to plaintiffs in the following approximate amounts, all according to proof at trial: (a) for unpaid contributions (not reported, not paid) in the principal amount of \$16,629.74 plus interest and liquidated damages in the sum of \$12,154.11 through May 25, 2008; and (b) liquidated damages and interest on contributions paid, but paid late, in the amount of \$8,937.78 as of May 25, 2008. Interest will continue to accrue at the rate of 1.5% each month during the pendency of this lawsuit.

15. Plaintiffs have incurred and will continue to incur attorneys' fees in the within action. Pursuant to the provisions of the Master Agreement and the trust agreements, Plaintiffs request that the Court award plaintiffs their attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the bringing of the within action.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray for judgment as set forth below.

### IV. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Recovery of Unpaid Trust Fund Contributions)

 $(ERISA \S\S 502(g)(2), 515)$ 

- 16. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-15 of this Complaint.
- 17. ERISA Section 515, 29 U.S.C. §1145, requires defendants to make such contributions to the plaintiff Trust Funds as are required under the terms of their collective bargaining agreement with the Union. Pursuant to the provisions of their trust agreements, plaintiffs are entitled to enforce defendants' obligations to make those contributions.
- 18. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that ground allege, that defendants failed to report and failed to pay all employee fringe benefit contributions (not reported, not paid) into each Trust Fund for the period March and June 2004 in the principal amount of \$16,629.74. Defendants are further obligated by the provisions of the Master Agreement and the Trust Agreements to pay interest on unpaid contributions at the rate of 1.5% per month until paid and liquidated damages in the amount of \$150.00 for each month that defendants failed to timely report and pay all employee fringe benefit contributions into each Trust Fund.

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- 19. Pursuant to the provisions of ERISA, Section 502(g)(2), 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), plaintiffs are entitled to the following statutory relief:
  - (a) Section 502(g)(2)(B): for contributions not reported and not paid, an award of interest on the unpaid fringe benefit contributions at the rate of 1.5% per month, from the date of the delinquency, until the date of judgment, calculated to be \$11,854.11 through May 25 2008; and
  - (b) Section (g)(2)(C): the additional award of an amount equal to the greater of (i) interest on the unpaid fringe benefit contributions at the rate of 1.5% per month, from the date of the delinquency, until the date of judgment or; (ii) liquidated damages under the Master Agreement and trust agreements of \$150.00 for each month that defendants failed to timely report and pay all employee fringe benefit contributions into each Trust Fund, calculated to be \$11,854.11 through May 25 2008 for contributions not paid.
- 20. Plaintiffs have incurred and will continue to incur attorneys' fees in the within action. Pursuant to the provisions of §502(g)(2)(D) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(D), plaintiffs request that the Court award plaintiffs their attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the bringing of the within action.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray for judgment as set forth below.

# V. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

(ERISA §§ 409(a) and 502(a)(2))

- 21. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-20 of this Complaint.
- 22. Pursuant to the trust agreements establishing the Trust Funds, the funds' assets include employee fringe benefits contributions that are required to be made to the Trust Funds. Employee fringe benefit contributions that are due and become delinquent are therefore assets of the Trust Funds.

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- Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that ground allege, that at all relevant 23. times, McFadden operated and controlled KM Jackson and as such, exercised authority or control over the payment of the employee fringe benefit contributions required to be made to the Trust Funds by KM Jackson and that McFadden was a fiduciary as defined by ERISA Section 3(21), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21), and was therefore also a party in interest as defined by ERISA Section 3(14)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(14)(A). At all relevant times, defendant KM Jackson was an employer whose employees were covered by the Trust Funds' plans and was a party in interest within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(14)(C), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(4)(C).
- 24. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that ground allege, that defendant McFadden's role in KM Jackson's failure to make the employee fringe benefit contributions that became due to the Trust Funds constituted a breach of his fiduciary duties, in that he failed to act for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants in the Trust Funds' plans and their beneficiaries, and instead dealt with these assets of the Trust Funds in his own interest and/or in the interest of Concrete Surfacing Systems. Plaintiffs are authorized to seek relief for this breach under ERISA Section 502(a)(2), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(2). As a result of said breaches, defendant McFadden has become indebted to plaintiffs as follows:
  - a. by failing to report and failing to pay employee fringe benefit contributions (not reported, not paid) for the period March and June 2004 in the principal amount of \$16,629.74;
  - b. by to pay interest and liquidated damages on the unpaid and delinquent employee fringe benefit contributions, in an amount calculated to be \$12,154.11 as of May 25, 2008; and
  - by failing to pay liquidated damages and interest on employee fringe benefit contributions that were paid, but paid late, for the period May - October 2004, February, March, May - December 2005, January – November 2006 in the amount of \$8,937.78 as of May 25, 2008.

The aforesaid material breaches proximately caused damages to plaintiffs in the following approximate amounts, all according to proof at trial: (a) for unpaid contributions (not reported, not paid) in the principal amount of \$16,629.74 plus interest and liquidated damages in the sum of \$12,154.11 through May 25, 2008; and (b) liquidated damages and interest on contributions paid, but paid late, in the amount of \$8,937.78 as of May 25, 2008. Interest will continue to accrue at the rate of 1.5% each month during the pendency of this lawsuit.

In addition, pursuant to ERISA Section 409(a), 29 U.S.C. § 1109(a), plaintiffs request that the Court grant plaintiffs such further remedial relief as the court deems just and proper.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray for judgment as follows:

## VI. <u>RELIEF REQUESTED</u>

- 1. On the First Claim for Relief, for damages for breach of the collective bargaining agreement for judgment against the defendants, and each of them, (a) for unpaid contributions (not reported, not paid) in the principal amount of \$16,629.74 plus interest and liquidated damages in the sum of \$12,154.11 through May 2008; and (b) liquidated damages and interest on contributions paid, but paid late, in the amount of \$8,937.78 as of May 25, 2008, and such other or further amounts as may be shown at trial, for costs of suit, attorneys' fees and for such other further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
- 2. On the Second Claim for Relief, for recovery under ERISA § 502(g)(2), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2), for judgment against the defendants, and each of them, as follows: (a) under Section 502(g)(2)(A) for unpaid contributions (not reported, not paid) in the principal amount of \$16,629.74 according to proof at trial; (b) under Section 502(g)(2)(B) an award of interest on the unpaid fringe benefit contributions at the rate of 1.5% per month, from the date of delinquency, until the date of judgment, calculated to be \$11,854.11 as of May 25, 2008; and (c) under Section 502(g)(2)(C) the additional award of an amount equal to the greater of (i) interest on the unpaid fringe benefit contributions at the rate of 1.5% per month, from the date of delinquency, until the date of judgment; or (ii) liquidated damages under the Master Agreement and trust agreements of \$150.00 for each month that defendants failed to timely report and pay all employee fringe benefit contributions into each Trust Funds, calculated to be \$11,854.11 as

Case 3:08-cv-03556-TEH Document 1 Filed 07/24/2008 Page 11 of 11 of May 25, 2008 and such other or further amounts as may be shown at trial, for costs of suit, 1 2 attorneys' fees and for such other further relief as the Court may deem just and proper 3 On the Third Claim for Relief, for breach of fiduciary duty under ERISA § 409(a), 4 29 U.S.C. § 1109(a), for judgment against defendant Kurt Thomas McFadden: (a) for unpaid 5 contributions (not reported, not paid) in the principal amount of \$16,629.74 plus interest and 6 liquidated damages in the sum of \$12,154.11 through May 25, 2008; and (b) liquidated damages 7 and interest on contributions paid, but paid late, in the amount of \$8,937.78 as of May 25, 2008, all additional accrued interest and liquidated damages, and such other or further amounts as may 8 be shown at trial, for costs of suit, attorneys' fees and for such other further relief as the Court 10 may deem just and proper. 11 DATED: July 22, 2008 12 BULLIVANT HOUSER BAILEY PC 13 14 Rwld L. M. nald L. Richman 15 16 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 17 Laborers Trust Funds 10686752.1 18 20

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